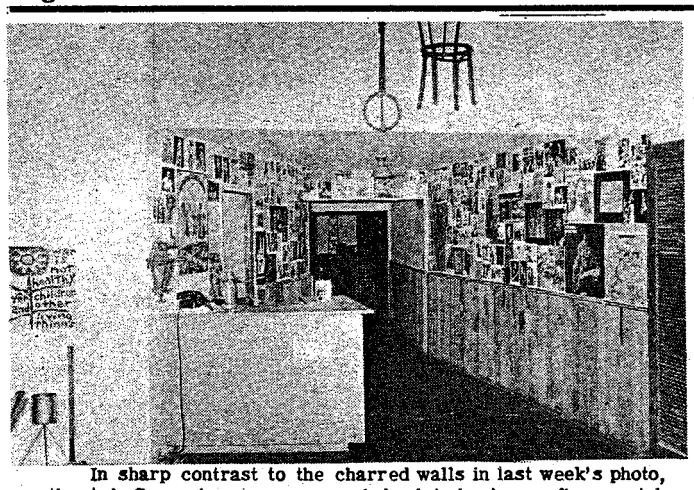

In sharp contrast to the charred walls in last week's photo, the Ash Grove is now very much back in business after a quick overhaul by painters, carpenters and electricians.
Photo by Charles Brittin

Assassination suppression

Columbus Wadsworth

Theodore Charach, the free-lance investigative journalist who last week made the sensational announcement that Sirhan B. Sirhan did not kill Sen. Robert Kennedy, stated today that the Los Angeles newspapers have almost completely "blacked out" the story.

He accused the Los Angeles Times, the Herald Examiner, the Hollywood Citizen-News, the Associated Press, United Press International, Time, Newsweek and Life of "completely failing the people" in their responsibility to disclose the highly explosive new discoveries in the Robert Kennedy assassination case.

"The news media are under severe pressure to withhold and suppress new findings and conceal new evidence in the case," Charach said.

He reserved his heaviest criticism, however, for Peter Noyes, CBS-TV news producer, who, he says, deliberately distorted and misrepresented the information Charach and his attorney, Godfrey Isaac, disclosed at a press conference last week. "Noyes," Charach said, "who has a pipeline to the intelligence section of the Los Angeles Police Department, badmouthed and character-assassinated the sincerity, dedication and veracity of the Charach probe, including the legal representation of Mr. Isaac, who successfully defended the position, stature and character of Dr. Thomas Noguchi, Los Angeles County Medical Examiner and Chief Coroner, who was almost destroyed in his public career in 1969 by the wild, bizarre and incredible charges levelled in the Robert F. Kennedy autopsy.

"At the time of the Civil Hearings in the Noguchi hearings, phone calls between the D.A.'s office and the Noguchi proceedings were rampant, with County Counsel Martin Weekas declaring if the Noguchi medical examination into the R.F.K. wounds were publicly disclosed and defended there would be 'intentional repercussions.' Now the repercussions—from a disillusioned America and a world citizenry appalled by the official L.A.P.D. fraud—have come home to haunt the offices of District Attorney Evelle J. Younger and Assistant Chief of Police Robert A. Houghton of the L.A.P.D. Detectives Branch who, while under the employee of the California taxpayers and BEFORE the constitutional rights of defendant Sirhan Bishara Sirhan are exhausted in higher courts of law, authored a book, the HOUGHTON REPORT, a deliberate official attempt to vindicate the local law enforcement agency, the L.A.P.D., in one of the most appalling miscarriages of investigative and judicial processes in American criminal court history."

Charach stated that he has witnesses who will confirm that at least three men fired guns at the time and place Sen. Kennedy was assassinated, and that Sirhan could not have inflicted the wounds that killed Kennedy.